

Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes

1/28/2015

Attendees: Tom Anderson, David Lange, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Tim Jones, Chris Voell, Margie Lance, Chris May, Mike Uecker, Kate Ansalvish, Shannon Moore

Guests: Council Member Jerry Donald (District #1), Sylvia Cangnan (Frederick News Post), Rich Maranto (Self), Daniel Saltzberg (OSER)

Welcome – 3 pm

Introductory Comments:

- The Chair welcomed all attendees and guests, outlined the intent of the meeting and welcomed Council Member Donald. Each FCSC member introduced themselves to Council Member Donald.
- The Vice Chair noted that the December Meeting Minutes were distributed and approved with only one change. The Green Homes Challenge Recognition Event will be Wednesday, Feb. 25 (not Feb. 26). The Vice Chair will continue to prepare future Agenda's and Meeting Minutes.
- The Vice Chair outlined a proposal for preparing Commission member speaker series and possibly having Commission members making a series of presentations at future FCSC meetings in preparation for presentations at the Institute on Learning and Retirement at Frederick Community College (FCC). Margie Lance pointed out that topics for such presentations should be County issues and not just personal issues. All agreed. The Vice Chair and Chris Voell subsequently met with Ms. Sue Adams from FCC on Friday Jan 30. The results of that meeting will be made at the Feb. FCSC meeting.
- The Chair then outlined various FCSC past discussions and priorities. Council Member Donald then pointed out that he is one of seven Council Members, and while agreeing on most of the FCSC priorities, the new Charter Government should go through a budget cycle first, before making any major changes to priorities.
- Shannon Moore then discussed OSER interest on "stream Buffers", an important topic to all.
- The Chair then indicated the FCSC discussion on the "By Laws" was on the back burner
- Ron K. and the Chair outlined the FCSC plan for finalizing the Commission's Sustainability Plan.

Update on County Government Initiatives (Shannon Moore):

- Shannon distributed a summary of OSER resources and OSER Newsletter to the FCSC which will be updated periodically in 2015.
- Shannon also distributed the OSER Capital Projects Summary and generated discussion between all FCSC members on priorities. This was an excellent overview and highly appreciative.
- Shannon also discussed Urban Storm water and regulatory requirements

- CM Donald also noted his priorities on clean water initiatives
- Shannon noted the OSER Award on Sustainability Energy

Subcommittee Reports and Discussions:

- Additional discussions on how Howard Co. is handling waste issues .
- Additional discussions on grants under new charter government

FCSC needs more discussion on waste issues in Jan/Feb.

Ron Kaltenbaugh reported on the WEB Site, which is up and running and will give further update in Feb.

- **There were no spot recognitions this past month. Tom A .reminded all to look for recognitions on sustainability initiatives.**

Commission Comments;

Tom A. reported on moving forward with our goals and helping to facilitate the public processes as the new charter government is formed.

“In 2015, the FCSC will act as an information and education resource relative to sustainability in energy, waste management and development.”

- Tim Jones asked CM. Donald if he wanted to have a representative to be present to support FCSC at Council meetings. His answer was all public are welcome and encouraged this.

Discussion on FCSC Member Presentations Items of Interest (for the future):

- Feb. -Chris V. to briefly discuss Waste Management
- March- Phil Harris on FC Landfill
- Tom- Stream –side Buffers
- Ron. K- Elec. Vehicles
- Mike &Tim- Std. for residential
- Chris M. – Solar and Energy grid
- Kate- Water Quality

Chris Voell distributed the following:

- 2015 Discussions points –Waste Management
- Dec. 2014- The Clarion (Clover Hill Civic Association Newsletter)

Please provide Chris with any feedback. (Thank you)

- Margie discussed the Master Gardeners Seminars and attached the web-site at

https://extension.umd.edu/sites/default/files/_images/locations/frederick_county/WCWDFFY%20Winter%202015.pdf

-Commission members can also access the Master Gardener site in general
<https://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening/mg-happenings>.

- Margie also discussed Earth Day and having the FCSC support a Water Tasting event
- Margie also discussed the Conservation Film Festival on Sat. Feb 28 at the Weinberg in Frederick.

Adjourn-The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.